

## County News.

## BRISTOL.

Will McGee is working two men in his marble shop.

N. F. Dunshee returned from market last Saturday.

There are several cases of whooping-cough among the children.

Mrs. Strong, wife of the Baptist pastor, has been quite ill the past week.

Several of our townsmen attended the road meeting at New Haven, Tuesday.

The new Methodist pastor, Mr. Gregory, preached his first sermon to that people last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore speaks at Holly hall this (Friday) evening; subject, "The Boy of Today."

Three new members were voted into the band last Saturday evening to take the place of three who resigned.

M. P. Varney and wife have been in Middlebury for several days, attending the sick-bed of their son, A. W. Varney.

The regular communication of Libanus Lodge, No. 47, F. and A. M., comes Monday evening, May 10; work on second degree.

The reading by W. H. Hopkins, last Friday evening, at Holly hall, was attended by a fair audience, who were well satisfied with the entertainment.

We are informed by Prof. Stone, the principal of the graded school for the last two years, that he intends to leave town at the close of the present term, having had a call to a new field of labor.

## CORNWALL.

Mrs. J. L. Perkins of St. Johnsbury, president of the Vermont W. C. T. U., will speak in the town hall in Cornwall Saturday evening, May 8, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Perkins is a very interesting speaker, and it is hoped she will be greeted with a full house.

## EAST MIDDLEBURY.

Mrs. H. C. Sessions, not her husband, is the one sick with pneumonia.

The proprietors of Prospect cemetery, East Middlebury, are notified to meet at the office of H. D. Maynard on Monday, May 17, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the election of officers and other business. A. H. Matthews, secretary.

## GOSHEN.

Thomas Cunningham has moved from H. A. Sumner's farm to Mrs. Orris Allen's house.

Augustus Blodgett had a colt badly damaged by coming in contact with a wire fence.

Mrs. Edson Baird recently had a severe hemorrhage at the nose and a physician was summoned.

Edson Baird's axe strayed away from a stick of wood and went into one of his feet and caused him to limp some when walking.

Scott K. Briggs has moved into a house near the Leicester paint works and is employed by the paint company. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Orris Allen, has also gone there.

There was a special town meeting on April 30 to choose a constable and collector and see if the town would build a house for a family to live in who had asked for some assistance from the overseer of the poor. J. L. Jones was chosen moderator. Ford Capen was elected constable and collector of taxes. It was voted to build a house and locate it on some land that is owned by the town. Considerable dissatisfaction on the part of some is now manifested and another town meeting may be called in the near future.

## LINCOLN.

M. J. Stearns is painting and otherwise improving the exterior of his dwelling-house.

Rev. S. M. Wilbur, Methodist, has just returned from conference and says he is to stay with us another year.

E. M. Whitney has opened a grocery and feed store at South Lincoln, in the house owned by George Pope. This makes four stores in town.

Most of the schools began May 3. Miss Lena Prime of Bristol teaches at "Acworth," Miss Mary Lee at South Lincoln, Mrs. Celia Dearborn at the Centre, Miss Mary Sargent at the "Corners," Miss Mary Austin of Warren in district No. 9; the other districts are not all heard from.

M. A. Gove has been making alterations inside his house, (formerly known as the bee-hive) to render it convenient as a stopping-place for the traveling public. He is also making improvements in the grounds belonging to him. He reports a satisfactory amount of custom. We wish him good luck.

## WEST ADDISON.

Mrs. Samuel Farmer is very sick.

Mrs. William Moorby is quite ill. William Newman is so as to be out.

Uncle Reuben Eaton has been in poor health since the death of his son.

Mr. Elias S. Storrs of Westport, N. Y., with his wife (formerly Miss Jessie Goodale of this place) have purchased a farm of Mr. Goff, directly north of the old Wheeler French farm now owned by James McVeely, where Mr. Storrs is at present renting rooms preparatory to building a house on his own place.

Schools have commenced in several districts. The teachers are as follows: Miss Etta Hallock of East Pantown teaches in the school-house near Potash bay; Miss Nellie Peck of Bridport, near Chimney

Point; Miss Daisy Harris of Pantown, in the Vanderhoof district; Miss Flora Peck of Bridport, in Elisha Smith's district.

## NEW HAVEN.

Aren't the June bugs just a little "previous"?

James M. Gifford, Esq., of New York city spent the Sabbath in town with his mother and sister.

The wife of Theodore Gibson was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. The cause is thought to be heart disease.

Dr. Smith of Middlebury was in town last week, in consultation with Dr. Arthur in the case of Miss Etta Thompson, who is quite ill.

Rev. Mr. Sargent will preach in Ashburnham, Mass., next Sunday for Rev. R. B. Tobey, who is in town for a rest. Mr. Tobey will fill the desk here the coming Sabbath.

Easter Sunday was observed with appropriate services, the pastor giving an excellent discourse. The floral decorations were unusually fine, exceeding those of any previous year.

There were two additions to the church last Sabbath, and one baptism. Deacon J. L. Eldredge of Middlebury, for 55 years a member of this church, was present and assisted in the communion services.

Mrs. P. R. Barton received news, a week or more since, of the burial, at Courtland, N. Y., of her twin brother, Mrs. Barton is in her 85th year, and is the only surviving member of a family of eleven children.

Mrs. Sherrod Brown recently went to Westport, N. Y., to attend the funeral of her father. Her mother died about two years since. A family of nine children are living and were all present at the burial service.

The commission appointed at the June term of the county court to consider the question of State aid for the betterment of the highway from the depot to Bristol was in session at the town hall on Tuesday. Charles M. Wilds appeared as counsel for the town. The evidence tended to show that the statute permitting such aid should apply in this case if ever. At this writing the result is not known.

The funeral of Mrs. Elisha Landon was attended at her late residence last Friday afternoon; services conducted by Rev. A. E. Carpenter, pastor of St. Stephen's church, Middlebury, assisted by Rev. C. S. Sargent of this place. Mrs. Landon was a lady of cultured mind and refined taste, and was esteemed for her Christian character, being deeply interested in every good work. She was 88 years of age, and had been three times married, her last husband surviving her.

## RIPTON.

A. G. Chandler, while burning brush in a back lot on the afternoon of the 4th inst., drove out by fire a ten-pound bear, who was as pugnacious as brulins on the average. The next day he was trying to capture the little gentleman's mamma.

In the notice of the change of stage route your correspondent did not tell the full story. It seems that Leroy Pierce of New Haven was one of the high contracting parties and will drive from Rip-ton to Middlebury. Knowing him as we do, we predict he will gain hosts of friends.

## SHOREHAM.

This town is brimful of new spring goods. Another store has been opened at Larrabee's Point.

Lake Champlain is unusually high. Mr. Martin, the steam ferryman, began ferrying April 11, much earlier than common; and Mr. Editor, it is really a treat to take a quick, pleasant passage to "York State" with him and be safely landed on terra firma, after having been obliged to patronize an old scow and be left to plunge into and wade through water and mud several rods before reaching the shore.

## WHITING.

John O'Neil is working for F. D. Douglas this spring.

A. A. Pond goes to market with two full carloads of stock this week.

A Miss Gibbs of West Cornwall is teaching the school on Green Island.

Rob Sheridan has hired to Ed. Baker for the season, if they are both suited.

Dr. Henry Wright and son were in town over Sunday, making his father a short visit.

Tip Kilburn has taken his horses down to Rutland to work them on the track there this season.

Fay Searls has moved into town and is living in the house formerly owned by George Saunders.

Miss Geraldine Selden of Orange, New Jersey, will teach the school at the north-west part of the town.

Mrs. Ann Simonds is home for a few days as a nurse. She has but few equals, and none better, they say.

Rev. L. O. Hathaway and family are staying in town a few days, guests of Joel B. Quelch and wife.

Mrs. Charles Freeman and Mrs. E. D. Peck and daughter were guests of Mrs. J. E. Parker over the Sabbath.

Mrs. Sarah Baker will move into the rooms formerly occupied by Amos Wilson in the old Simonds store in this village.

Our merchant, R. D. Needham, has gone to Boston to buy his spring goods. Joel Quelch deals out the sugar, tea and coffee in Mr. Needham's absence.

A beautiful day, a full house and a very fine discourse at the Congregational church last Sunday. The text was the parable of the ninety and nine sheep.

The funeral of Max Myatt was well attended at the house of Emerson Mayo, Rev. Mr. Tilley of Brandon officiating. The remains were buried in Sudbury, near his home.

Ed. Baker has just received a pair of prairie dogs by express from his brother, Fred, who is located at Carbon, Wyoming Territory. The little fellows came through all safe and are as lively as can be.

## WEST CORNWALL.

Mattie Sheldon has lately spent a week with her brother, Frank, in Bartonville.

Rev. J. H. Bond of Benson was in town over Friday night, a guest of his son, Dr. G. W. Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Walker of Middlebury visited at M. A. Hamilton's in the early part of the week.

Wood buyers are quite plentiful. Only low figures are offered, fourteen and fifteen cents being the ruling prices.

There was no preaching at the Baptist church last Sabbath. Elder Smith of Whiting, who was expected, was sick and unable to be there.

E. Adams of Pantown was in town last week. He deals in monuments and headstones, and he will soon put some of his work in the cemetery at the Fair bridge. He represents firms dealing in very fine marble, also granite.

Mary Field has gone to Weybridge to teach. Her sister, Mattie, has gone to Salisbury, where she has a school. Gustav Hamilton will teach in Salisbury the coming season. School commenced in No. 5, Monday; Mattie Hamilton, teacher. Mary Lee will teach in No. 6.

## VERGENNES.

There are three cases of scarlet fever reported in town.

Vegetation is advancing; apple and fruit trees are blossoming.

Walter G. Sprague left Vergennes for Portland, Maine, Monday evening.

Hon. A. T. Smith has some four hundred lambs on his New Haven farms.

Potatoes of the early variety have had the assurance to leave out in some places.

It is hardly necessary to light the street lamps with the sun half an hour high, is it?

Mr. Wm. Preston has had a set of cans made, suitable for ten cows, by Frank T. McDonough.

Mr. W. T. Friess of Waltham has had a set of twelve cow pans made by F. T. McDonough.

Grass is starting finely, and with timely showers the meadows will be weeks in advance.

Hon. A. T. Smith is to be the Decoration-day orator for the boys in blue at Hinesburgh.

At the Congregational church last Sunday two united with the church on profession of faith.

The house occupied by Mr. N. J. Renaud is to be painted and its looks generally improved.

The large dwelling on Comfort hill, belonging to Mrs. H. B. Ward, will no doubt be to let.

Mr. J. E. Goodere, who has been the guest of his son, Mr. H. E. Goodere, left for Clinton, Mass., Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Horton has been paying his sister, Mrs. John Norton, a visit. He left Tuesday. He is looking well.

Mr. E. G. Norton will occupy his new purchase, the residence vacated by Mr. T. Mack, corner School and East streets.

Effort is being made to have the fence, enclosing the Hanks house, discarded altogether. It would be an improvement.

Bishop Bissell confirmed twenty-two persons at St. Paul's church, Sunday morning. He also preached in the evening.

We hope the purification committee did their duty about that nuisance in the creek. Indeed, we feel quite sure they did.

Mr. A. B. Taber has been offered the contract for painting the Troy House, in the city of Troy. He is not inclined to leave town.

Miss Kate L. Dolan and Mrs. A. H. Stone have returned from the spring millinery market, and are now ready to meet their patrons.

Mr. Jas. Laduke has moved from Comfort Hill into the house recently vacated by Mr. D. Renaud, on the high land west of the bridge.

D. C. Smith of West Addison drove 66 fine-looking sheep, having with them 82 lambs, to New Haven, to be placed on the farm of A. T. Smith.

G. H. Spriggs shipped Friday of last week one hundred and twenty veal calves for Boston market from Vergennes, New Haven and Middlebury depots.

The painters are busy changing the complexion of the weather-worn brick of the A. E. Kimball house to a more presentable and welcome color.

Dr. P. Maxfield's health is very much improved by the change from Vergennes to the quiet of a life in the country. He feels nearly equal to a renewal of professional life.

The shade tree is not a common ornamental tree, but M. E. Wheeler has one in his front yard that looks like a large white bouquet. It is loaded with blossoms and beautiful to look upon.

Shipments from depot were, during the month of March, in part as follows: Of butter, one ton; of cattle, forty tons; of hay, eighty tons; of curtain rolls, forty tons; of kaolin, forty-eight tons.

Rev. H. F. Austin had a paralytic shock, Monday morning about 3 o'clock. Indigestion and overwork predisposing causes. Mr. M. Yott was called to nurse him. He is improving. He preached last Sunday.

A movement is on foot to have a grand firemen's muster in Vergennes on July 4th. We have a real live fire department, and why not inaugurate a rousing celebration, with races, prizes, speeches, dinner, etc.? Say we do!

Mr. Shaw, principal of the graded school, was kept from church, Sunday, and from his post of duty at the school room, Monday, by a rheumatic trouble and heart affection. He is better again, and in the school room.

There was a very quiet wedding in town Tuesday morning, early. The high contracting parties were Mr. A. J. Wickus and Miss Murta Farwell. They were united at the Congregational parsonage by Mr. Robertson.

A baptismal tank has just been placed in the church at Addison by F. T. McDonough. It was seven feet long, four feet wide and four and a half feet deep. It is a nice piece of work, and is sunk in the floor in front of the altar.

The five cattle killed on the railroad near the high bridge, a short distance south of Vergennes, last week, belonged to Mr. Wm. Conant, and were in fine order. They strayed from Town Hill. The owner valued them at two hundred dollars.

Fast walking horses are by no means common, but they are valuable. John Green, the horse breaker and trainer, is driving a black horse, whose owner we cannot name, and whose weight we do not know, that out-walks any horse we ever saw.

Is it fair to let the agents of mowing machines and agricultural labor-saving inventions come into Vergennes and locate on the street, without license or tax of any kind, and compete with dealers in the same line, who live here, pay rent, taxes, and spend their money in the place?

A letter from Miss Susie, daughter of Mr. Wm. Holland, at Pasadena, Cal., speaks of their general health as good. Mr. Wm. Webb, who left with Dea. Parker, April 7th, is with Mr. Holland. Miss Jennie Tudor is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen at Los Angeles.

If you have occasion to visit North Ferrisburgh Hollow, call at the Brookside hotel, kept by Moses Richardson. He entertains both man and beast in a way to be remembered. It is a quiet, rural spot, clean, with a good table and a sensible mine host. Call.

At the Congregational church meeting, last week Thursday evening, it was decided to have three deacons. Dea. Parker's resignation having been accepted, on motion Geo. E. Stone was chosen, and F. E. Sears, and these, with Dea. Ross, now constitute the full quota.

The steamer Water Lily, the captain assures us, will not, probably, begin her regular trips until about the middle of the month. There is no urgent need of it; business and travel rather light. Everything is in order, and the boat is ready daily for work or pleasure parties.

There is a greater scarcity in good, capable female help than is generally realized. Mr. Simonds, at the depot, has long been engaged in procuring help of this class and farm help, also, from abroad. He has an opportunity to secure good, respectable house help from the south of England. He has been very fortunate, as the term is, in securing good men and females for those who have applied to him. We should say that he has been careful and judicious in every instance and has thus made it a successful business venture.

Mr. C. H. Simonds has been in charge of the Vergennes depot for twenty years. He has seen changes in men and measures during that time. About fifty thousand trains have passed the station during his official experience. No coroner's inquest, no misplaced switch or report of death-dealing accident in all his returns for 20 years. It reads well. Loungers and hangers-on never look for him. He has been absent but ten days on the time-book of the Central Vermont in all the seven thousand and three hundred days he has been in their employ; a good record, a rare showing. If we were president of the road we should look about for a good nice position for an employee who had proved himself so competent, safe and reliable through so many years of faithful service.

We do not hold to pleasure excursions on Sunday; indeed, when such amusements degenerate into drunken rows, the properly constituted authorities should apprehend the loafers and punish them smartly. A list of five names has been placed in our hands, of parties who fooled Capt. Ives of the little steamer Gazelle, and induced him to take them to Westport, Sunday, and while ashore got roaring drunk, and set about taking possession of the boat on its return trip. Unfortunately for the ruffians there was one sober square-shouldered man aboard, who piled them in a heap, and with a loaded revolver kept them quiet until they were landed. We are half inclined to publish the names of the drunken crew, as a just punishment, and we may do it yet. They were not landed in Vergennes.

North Ferrisburgh has one of the best built blocks in the county. It is owned and occupied by M. F. Allen & Bro. Although our friend M. F. A. was absent at market, we made a cursory examination of the structure a few days since. It is 54x54, three stories, surmounted by a large cupola. The first floor is devoted—one store to dry goods, boots and shoes, and a neatly-arranged post-office, the other to groceries, etc.; the second floor to clothing; and it has a public hall, 30x54, capable of seating a large audience. A large cellar under the whole has a furnace, a spacious water tank, and is to have a force pump for protection in case of fire. The large section of country of which this is the centre finds here every article suitable to their wants, and Messrs. M. F. Allen & Bro. cannot fail, with their business foresight, of realizing a steady and profitable trade.

Capt. H. N. White of Pantown, for a long series of years a justly prominent man in his town, was found dead in his bed, Tuesday morning last. Capt. White in early life had charge of a vessel on Lake Champlain. He married the daughter of Friend Adams, settled in Pantown, and became one of the substantial citizens of the place, and was honored by his fellow-townsmen with nearly if not quite all of the public positions within their gift. He represented Pantown in the General Assembly at Montpelier in 1853, and we believe in 1854. Capt. White was a man of positive convictions, a firm friend of good order, morality and religion. He leaves a widow (his second wife), two sons, Wm. E. White, Esq., of Pantown and another son, Friend White, who is West; two daughters, Mrs. Miner Mitchell of Pantown, and Mrs. Midas Taggart of Burlington. He died in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was widely known and will be sincerely regretted.

Tree-planting and ground-ornamentation is an art, sometimes an enviable gift. There is a gentleman in Vergennes, and for forty-two years a resident, who has lived in six different dwellings, and built and owned four of them, who invariably left evidences of taste in the planting of fruit and ornamental trees, tending to improve the looks and enhance the value of each piece of property owned. There are three hundred trees, and any number of grape vines and arbor plants, living and growing monuments of his taste and good sense. In the town he left in Connecticut to come here, is a home with fruit and shade trees, numbering nearly three hundred, which owe their presence to his forethought and care. Dr. F. W. Coe built the house now owned by Mrs. Prof. Smith, Main street; also the dwelling owned by A. Wetherbee, Esq., which is one of the best built and most convenient residences in the place. He built the house on Elbow street, in which he lives, and if you desire to know what *adulm in patto* means, when applied to the home culture of fruits, etc., give him a call, and he will enlighten you on the possibilities of a small area devoted to fruit. The doctor's taste in the matter of locating trees and the cultivation of fruit is well-nigh perfect.

## State News.

There are 28 children at the Warner Home in St. Albans.

The Rutland street railway is nearly completed to its destination in West Rutland.

Levi C. White and Rollin Phillips fell from a staging at Rutland and were severely hurt.

The public library which Rutland ladies are getting up has received 2200 books already.

Of the 104 cases on the docket of the Windsor county court, 13 are divorce and 10 State cases.

Owners of stock in the north part of the State are paying as high as \$17 a ton for pressed hay.

John Teemer and Wallace Ross, the famous oarsmen, will row for a citizens' purse at Newport, June 19.

Superintendent Justus Dartt of the State board of education gives the Memorial-day address at Springfield.

The old Castleton medical college building, where was given the first medical instruction in the State, was burned recently.

Rev. Homer White has resigned as rector of St. John's Episcopal church at West Randolph, and accepted the rectorship of the Northfield church.

The Salvation army warriors at Rutland have lately received reinforcements and are making themselves public nuisances according to all accounts.

The State treasurer thinks it will not be necessary to levy a State tax this year. The amount of such taxes paid in last year was \$200,085, while the tax levied was only \$171,011.

The Rutland county fish and game club, having for its object the enforcement of the fish and game laws, has been organized at Rutland with Gen. W. Y. W. Ripley as president.

L. H. Billings, 45 years old, manager of the H. L. Billings slate and marble works at Hydeville, shot himself in the head Tuesday and died instantly. No cause for the act is known.

A house belonging to John McCugo, near the lime kilns in Colchester, was burned at about midnight Wednesday with practically its entire contents. The family had a narrow escape.

Dennis Starr was at work getting out slate at the Sabin quarry, Montpelier, when a mass of rocks above him became detached and fell upon his head, nearly severing his nose and otherwise badly injuring him.

A big hole was eaten out of Irasburg by fire Thursday evening. George H. Newland's drug store and barn, E. H. Holbridge's store occupied by H. P. Jones & Co., the old jail house, tenement and postoffice and barn owned by the town, and Thomas Fisher's dwelling and barn were burned. Newland lost \$3500, partly insured; Holbridge's loss \$2000, insurance \$1000; town's loss \$1200, no insurance; Fisher's loss \$1000; Jones & Co.'s loss not known.

E. A. Dunton of St. Albans has bought the Pavilion at Montpelier. Mr. Dunton for many years managed the railroad restaurant at St. Albans, which has always been regarded as one of the best in New England.

An Andover blacksmith named George H. Woods and married, ran off the other day with Fannie Rounds of that town, 17. A sheriff traced the couple into New York, where he captured the girl, but allowed Woods to go on his way.

Four prisoners escaped from Newport's new jail Sunday night. The notorious Daniel Brown, who has twice before escaped from jail, pounced upon the keeper and held him till half the prisoners had got out, among them Brown himself.

John Coyle, son of Martin Coyle of Bennington, aged about 16 years, stole \$40 from his father recently and ran away, but was captured in Blackington. He was tried before Judge Mason and sentenced to the reform school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority.

Sophia Eula, the three-year-old daughter of Nelson J. Fountain of Montpelier, was killed by the cars on the Central Vermont road at a crossing between the Junction and Montpelier last week. She was struck in the head by the steam-chest of the engine and her skull broken.

A St. Albans gardener named M. O'Leary served with an Illinois regiment during the war and was wounded in the leg at the battle of Stone River, some 22 years ago. The other day a piece of the bullet about the size of a bean came out of his leg, having worked its way out after all these years.

The 92 Grand Army posts of the State are generally making preparations to observe Memorial day on a more extensive scale than ever. Department Commander George T. Childs directs that appropriate religious services be held on Sunday, the 30th, and Monday be observed as Decoration day.

## General News.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate.—The Senate spent most of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday in debate over the postoffice appropriation bill, which was finally passed Tuesday.

House.—The House devoted itself on Thursday and Friday to consideration of the river and harbor bill.—Monday the rules were suspended and a bill passed providing for the adjustment of land grants made by Congress to aid in the construction of railroads in Kansas and for the forfeiture of unearned lands. The roads interested in the bill are the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston. From lax administration in the interior department land aggregating 73,351 acres had been certified to the roads to which they were not entitled, and the bill simply authorized the adjustment of the grant.—Tuesday the Campbell-Wheeler contested election case was decided in favor of Weaver.

Notes.—The bill to change inauguration day to April 30 has been reported favorably in the Senate.—The House committee on territories has ordered an adverse report on the Senate bill to admit the southern half of Dakota into the Union of States.—The Senate committee on commerce has voted to report favorably on a new Atlantic and Pacific ship railway bill as a substitute for the original ship bill. Eads and such others as may be associated with him are created a body corporate with the title of the Atlantic and Pacific Ship Railway company with power to locate its capital stock and bonds not to exceed in the aggregate \$100,000,000. The United States obliges itself to pay the company, for a period of five years after the ship railway shall have been completed and tested, any sums of money required to make two-thirds of the company's net revenues amount annually to \$3,500,000, provided that the total liability of the government shall in no case exceed \$7,500,000.—The House committee on invalid pensions have instructed Representative Matson to call up arrears of pension bill in the House as soon as the committee is called by the speaker, probably in the latter part of the week. Corporal Tanner, representing the Grand Army, addressed the committee in behalf of the bill to increase the pension of those receiving \$72 a month to \$100 a month.—Mr. Findlay of Maryland has introduced in the House a joint resolution in favor of abolishing all taxes of every description on tobacco and on the manufacture and sale thereof, rather than to reduce the tariff on imported goods, and Mr. Bean of Arizona a bill authorizing the President to offer a reward of \$25,000 for the killing or capture of Geronimo